

In the claims:

Amend claims 1, 7, 14 and 15 as follows:

1. (Once amended) A canister for receiving body fluids, comprising:

- (a) a body having side walls and a bottom [and adapted to sealably receive a removable lid];
- (b) a removable lid for sealably covering said body;
- (c) an inlet port in said lid for inflow of body fluids into said canister and for inflow of cleaning fluid into said canister;
- (d) an outlet port in said lid for suctioning said body fluids and said cleaning fluid from said canister;
- (e) a suction tube in fluid communication with said outlet port and extending to the bottom of said canister;
- (f) a closure for closing said outlet port during said inflow of body fluids into said canister; and
- (g) a vacuum port in said lid for application of vacuum to said canister for inducing said inflow of body fluids into said canister.

7. (Once amended) A system for collecting and disposing of body fluids, comprising:

- (a) a canister for receiving said body fluids, comprising:
- (i) a body having side walls and a bottom [and adapted to sealably receive a removable lid];
- (ii) a removable lid for sealably covering said body;
- (iii) an inlet port in said lid for inflow of body fluids into said canister and for inflow of cleaning fluid into said canister;
- (iv) an outlet port in said lid for suctioning said body fluids and said cleaning fluid from said canister;
- (v) a suction tube in fluid communication with said outlet port and extending to the bottom of said canister;
- (vi) a closure for closing said outlet port during said inflow of body fluids into said canister;

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- (vii) a vacuum port in said lid for application of vacuum to said canister for inducing said inflow of body fluids into said canister;
- (viii) a check valve on said lid operably coupled to said vacuum port for stopping said application of vacuum to said canister when said body fluids in said canister reach a pre-determined level;
- (b) a servicing unit for removing said body fluids from said canister and cleaning said canister, comprising:
  - (i) an outlet conduit to conduct fluid from said canister;
  - (ii) an inlet conduit for conducting cleaning fluid from a source of said cleaning fluid to said canister;
  - (iii) a connector for detachably connecting said outlet conduit to said outlet port in said lid and for detachably connecting said inlet conduit to said inlet port in said lid;
  - (iv) a vacuum conduit operatively connecting a vacuum source to said outlet conduit for inducing a flow of fluid from said canister through said outlet conduit; and
  - (v) means to induce a flow of cleaning fluid to said canister through said inlet conduit.

14. (Once amended) A system for collecting and disposing of body fluids, comprising:

a canister for receiving said body fluids comprising:

a body having side walls and a bottom [and adapted to receive a lid];  
a lid for covering said body;  
a first inlet port in said lid for inflow of body fluids into said canister;  
a second inlet port in said lid for inflow of cleaning fluid into said canister;  
a sprayer [spraying means] in fluid communication with said second inlet port for spraying cleaning fluid within said canister;  
means for closing said second inlet port during said inflow of body fluids into said canister;

an outlet port in said lid for outflow of body fluids and said cleaning fluid from said canister;

a conduit in fluid communication with said outlet port extending into said canister; and,

means for closing said outlet port during said inflow of body fluids into said canister; and,

an apparatus for removing body fluids from said canister and cleaning said canister, comprising:

first fluid conduit means to conduct fluid in said canister to a drain;

second fluid conduit means to conduct cleaning fluid from a source of cleaning fluid to an inlet port in said canister; and,

a connector head having first and second connector tubes in fluid communication with said first and second fluid conduit means respectively for connection to and disconnection from said outlet port and said inlet port respectively.

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15. (Once amended) A system for collecting and disposing of body fluids comprising:

- (a) a canister for receiving said body fluids, comprising:
  - (i) a body having side walls and a bottom [and adapted to sealably receive a removable lid];
  - (ii) a removable lid for sealably covering said body;
  - (iii) a first inlet port in said lid for inflow of body fluids into said canister;
  - (iv) a second inlet port in said lid for inflow of cleaning fluid into said canister;
  - (v) means for closing said second inlet port during said inflow of body fluids into said canister;
  - (vi) an outlet port in said lid for suctioning body fluids and said cleaning fluid from said canister;
  - (vii) a suction tube in fluid communication with said outlet port and extending to said bottom of said canister;

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- (viii) means for closing said outlet port during said inflow of body fluids into said canister; and
- (ix) a vacuum port in said lid for application of vacuum to said canister for inducing said inflow of body fluids into said canister;
- (b) a servicing unit for removing said body fluids from said canister and cleaning said canister, comprising:
  - (ii) an outlet conduit to conduct fluid from said canister;
  - (ii) an inlet conduit to conduct cleaning fluid from a source of said cleaning fluid into said canister;
  - (iii) connector means for detachably connecting said outlet conduit to said outlet port and for detachably connecting said inlet conduit to said second inlet port; and
  - (iv) a vacuum conduit operatively connecting a vacuum source to said outlet conduit for inducing a flow of fluid from said canister through said outlet conduit.

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Add new claims 23 and 24 as follows:

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A canister for receiving body fluids, comprising:

- (a) a body having side walls and a bottom;
- (b) a removable lid for sealably covering said body;
- (c) an inlet port in said lid for inflow of body fluids into said canister;
- (d) an outlet port in said lid for suctioning said body fluids from said canister;
- (e) a suction tube in fluid communication with said outlet port and extending to the bottom of said canister;
- (f) a closure for closing said outlet port during said inflow of body fluids into said canister; and
- (g) a vacuum port in said lid for application of vacuum to said canister for inducing said inflow of body fluids into said canister.

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